



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 340

LCO No. 1849

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF SOCIAL SERVICES AS A CONSERVATOR.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 45a-651 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2006*):

4 (a) (1) If no suitable conservator can be found after due diligence
5 and the court finds that the health or welfare of the respondent is in
6 jeopardy, the Commissioner of Social Services shall accept
7 appointment within available appropriations, as conservator of the
8 estate of any respondent sixty years of age or older found incapable
9 under sections 45a-644 to 45a-662, inclusive, as amended, of managing
10 his or her affairs, whose liquid assets, excluding burial insurance in an
11 amount up to one thousand five hundred dollars, do not exceed one
12 thousand five hundred dollars at the time of such appointment or at
13 any time thereafter. (2) If no suitable conservator can be found after
14 due diligence and the court finds that the health or welfare of the
15 respondent is in jeopardy, the Commissioner of Social Services shall
16 accept appointment, within available appropriations, as conservator of

17 the person, of any respondent sixty years of age or older found
18 incapable under said sections 45a-644 to 45a-662, inclusive, of caring
19 for himself or herself, whose liquid assets, excluding burial insurance
20 in an amount up to one thousand five hundred dollars, do not exceed
21 one thousand five hundred dollars at the time of such appointment or
22 at any time thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	45a-651(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the role of the Commissioner of Social Services in serving as a conservator of the estate or conservator of the person for individuals with assets in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]